

OCTOBER 3, 2013

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

EMERGENCY MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in an emergency session with the following members present: Chairman Tynalin Smiley, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore and Warren J. Yeager, Jr. <Vice Chairman Ward McDaniel and Commissioner Joanna Bryan were absent.>

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Inspector George Knight, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, G.I.S. Coordinator Scott Warner, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Clay Smallwood, III, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Assistant Public Works Director Jake Lewis, Sheriff Mike Harrison, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Chris Buchanan, and T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins.

Chairman Smiley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., E.T.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN/LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed Tropical Storm Karen, stating the forecast has changed, shifting the storm back West; putting Gulf County under a Tropical Storm Watch instead of a Hurricane Watch. He reported that approximately two to three inches of rainfall is to be expected. Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed the possible tornados, storm surge and tide issues, and Indian Pass Road concerns. He also reported that County staff, and the Red Cross will be on standby, if needed. Upon request by Emergency Management Director Nelson, Commissioner Yeager motioned to declare a Local State of Emergency. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0). Emergency Management Director Nelson stated the E.O.C. will be activated on Saturday at 7:00 a.m., E.T., and will run through Sunday afternoon, if needed, if the weather appears to get bad. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned for Chairman Smiley to execute the proposed proclamation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0). Chairman Smiley called for public comment. There was no public comment.

The meeting did the recess at 5:07 p.m., E.T.

Having never reconvened the Emergency Meeting of October 3, 2013; the Board at their regular meeting of October 22, 2013 did recognize and consider the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., E.T.

TYNALIN SMILEY
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK